

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS FOR N.C. 12

TIP Project No. B-2500

Hyde County

The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) invites citizens to attend a third public workshop on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012 in Ocracoke to discuss long-term design options for N.C. 12 within the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge and in Rodanthe that were damaged by Hurricane Irene in August.

The workshop will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the Ocracoke Community Center on 1009 Irvin Garrish Highway. NCDOT will use the feedback it receives to help determine the best long-term solution for each breach. NCDOT held two workshops in Dare County (Manteo on Dec. 5. Rodanthe on Dec. 6), and the same information will be available at this workshop.

This meeting is informal, and citizens are welcome to drop in at any time. NCDOT representatives will be available to explain the design options under consideration for each breach site and answer any questions. The public is urged to share their ideas, thoughts and suggestions with department staff.

The process to develop long-term solutions for the two breaches on N.C. 12 is a continuation of work already under way as part of the Bonner Bridge Replacement Project. Phase 1 of the project involves replacing the bridge over Oregon Inlet, which is currently in the design stage. The project also includes an active coastal monitoring program that uses scientific data to determine what types of improvements are needed on N.C. 12 between Oregon Inlet and Rodanthe and when that work will occur. Using this program, NCDOT is enacting Phase 2 of the project, which will implement the long-term solutions for the areas damaged by Hurricane Irene.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these workshops. Anyone requiring special services should contact Beth Smyre in the NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit at (919) 707-6043 or via email at bsmyre@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made. You also may contact Bobby Norburn or John Page on the NCDOT Toll-Free Project Information Line at (866) 803-0529.

For more information about the damage to N.C. 12 from Hurricane Irene and NCDOT's efforts to temporarily fix it, visit www.ncdot.org/travel/nc12recovery, follow our N.C. 12 Twitter feed at http://twitter.com/NCDOT_NC12, or go to our "Repairing N.C. 12" blog at <http://nc12repairs.blogspot.com/>. You also can visit the Bonner Bridge Replacement Project Web page at www.ncdot.org/projects/bonnerbridgerepairs.